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REFS: (A) STATE 185221 (212202Z JUL 78)
(B) TAIPEI 4747 (220214Z JUL 78)
(C) TAIPEI 4687 (200907Z JUL 78)
- (D) STATE 16790 (010215Z JUL 78)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
PROVIDED TO SUPPLEMENT THAT PROVIDED IN REF B.

(A) ARMS CONTROL IMPACT OF MAJOR PROPOSED SALES, PER
PARAGRAPH 3A(10) OF REF D. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
PROVISION OF AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF ARMAMENTS TO THE
ROC FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES ONLY HELPS TO PRESERVE
PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE TAIWAN AREA BY ENABLING
THE ROC TO MAINTAIN A CREDIBLE DETERRENT TO ANY PRC
MILITARY PRESSURES, A DETERRENT CONSISTENT WITH U.S.
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ARMS CONTROL POLICIES.

NONE OF THE WEAPONS SYSTEMS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERA-
TION IN WASHINGTON FOR SALE TO THE ROC WOULD, IN OUR
VIEW, GIVE THE ROC SUCH AN ADVANTAGE AS TO UPSET
THE POWER BALANCE IN THE REGION. INDEED, EVEN WITH THE
PROVISION OF ALL OF THE REQUESTED SYSTEMS, THE BALANCE

WOULD REMAIN GREATLY IN FAVOR OF THE PRC. THIS APPLIES TO ALL THE MAJOR SYSTEMS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION -- AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILES (MAVERICK), SHIP-TO-SHIP MISSILES (HARPOON), ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES (IMPROVED HAWK), AND MORE ADVANCED AIRCRAFT. BOTH WASHINGTON AND THE MISSION REALIZE THE NEED TO REMIND THE ROC OF THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT. THIS IS SHOWN MOST RECENTLY IN THE DECISION TO PROVIDE RECONNAISSANCE CAMERAS ONLY ON THE CONDITION THAT ROC AIRCRAFT REMAIN 15 MILES FROM PRC TERRITORY.

MANY OF THE SYSTEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON ARE REPLACEMENTS FOR ARMAMENTS WHICH THE ROC ALREADY HAS AND ARE BECOMING OBSOLETE AND UNSUPPORTABLE. FURTHER, WE DOUBT THAT THE PROVISION OF THESE SYSTEMS TO THE ROC WILL PRODUCE AN INTENSE DESIRE OF THE PART OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES FOR SIMILAR WEAPONS.

(B) HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS, PER PARAGRAPH 3A(11) OF REF D. THE MILITARY FORCES IN TAIWAN WHICH ARE MOST SIGNIFICANT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS ARE THE TAIWAN GARRISON COMMAND HEADQUARTERS (TGCH) AND THE ARMY. OUR CONSISTENT AND CONTINUING EMPHASIS IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ROC HAS BEEN ON STRESSING THE USEFULNESS OF IMPROVED AIR FORCE AND NAVAL WEAPONS - NOT ON EITHER ARMY OR GARRISON COMMAND WEAPONS.
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ROC ACTIONS IN THE PAST YEAR DEMONSTRATE A WELCOME RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT TO EVEN CONSIDER USING ARMAMENTS PROVIDED BY THE U.S. TO SUPPRESS LOCAL DISSIDENCE. THE ONE NOTABLE CASE WAS THE CHUNGLI ELECTION RIOT IN NOVEMBER, 1977. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE THEN PREMIER (NOW PRESIDENT CCK) PERSONALLY MADE THE DECISION THAT THE TROOPS IN THE CHUNGLI AREA WERE NOT TO FIRE ON OR USE FORCE IN DISPERSING THE LARGE GROUP OF RIOTERS AND ON-LOOKERS. THE GROC FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE U.S. IN REGARD TO USE OF ARMS FOR SUPPRESSING DISSIDENCE AND WE BELIEVE WE CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT ON GROC COOPERATION. UNLESS THERE IS LARGE-SCALE AND UNCONTROLLED CIVIL DISORDER, THE ARMY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE CALLED IN TO SUPPRESS THE TROUBLE. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE ROC CONTINUE TO BE FORMULATED AND CONDUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO (A) EMPHASIZE NAVAL AND AIR WEAPONRY RATHER THAN POLICE/ARMY TYPE WEAPONRY AND (B) EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT IN THE USE OF ANY WEAPONS IN SUPPRESSING DISSIDENCE.

(C) SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT MANNING LEVELS,
 PER PARAGRAPH 3A(13)F OF REF D. MISSION FEELS THAT
 FIGURES FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL STRENGTH FOR MAAG
 SUBMITTED IN FY79 JOINT MANPOWER PROGRAM (JMP)
 DATED OCTOBER, 1977, ALREADY REPRESENT MINIMUM
 MANNING LEVEL FOR ADMINISTRATION OF COUNTRY SECURITY
 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

SERVICE	GRADE	FY79	FY80	FY81
CHIEF MAAG/AIR FORCE	06(CHIEF MAAG	1	1	0
CHIEF MAAG/ARMY	06(CHIEF MAAG	0	0	1

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CIVILIANS (U.S.) 4 4 4

LOCAL WAGE RATE

EMPLOYEES (BUDGET,

PROTOCOL, ADMIN) 3 3 3

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